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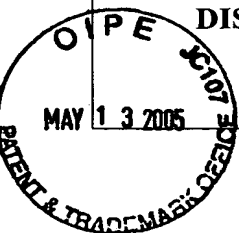
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	4,513,746	Aranyi, et al.	April 30, 1985			
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	4,664,305	Blake, III et al.	May 12, 1987			
	4,669,471	Hayashi	June 2, 1987			
	4,682,596	Bales, et al.	July 28, 1987			
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	4,763,669	Jaeger	August 16, 1988			
	4,767,044	Green	August 30, 1988			
	4,805,823	Rothfuss	February 21, 1989			
	4,819,853	Green	April 11, 1989			
	4,841,888	Mills, et al.	June 27, 1989			
	4,848,637	Pruitt	July 18, 1989			
	4,858,608	McQuilkin	August 22, 1989			
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	4,943,277	Bolling	July 24, 1990			
	4,944,093	Falk	July 31, 1990			
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	4,991,764	Mericle	February 12, 1991			
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	5,030,206	Lander	July 9, 1991			
	5,031,814	Tompkins, et al.	July 16, 1991			
	5,037,379	Clayman, et al.	August 6, 1991			
	5,047,026	Rydell	September 10, 1991			
	5,071,430	de Salis, et al.	December 10, 1991			
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	5,108,391	Flachenecker, et al.	April 28, 1992			
	5,119,983	Green et al.	June 9, 1992			
	5,133,360	Spears	July 28, 1992			
	5,143,082	Kindberg et al.	September 1, 1992			
	5,156,315	Rose	October 27, 1992			
	5,157,837	Green	October 20, 1992			
	5,158,222	Green	October 27, 1992			
	5,170,925	Madden, et al.	December 15, 1992			
	5,173,133	Morin, et al.	December 22, 1992			
	5,176,687	Hasson, et al.	January 5, 1993			
	5,186,714	Boudreault, et al.	February 16, 1993			
	5,190,542	Nakao, et al.	March 2, 1993			
	5,197,968	Clement	March 30, 1993			
	5,207,684	Nobles	May 4, 1993			
	5,215,521	Cochran, et al.	June 1, 1993			
	5,217,030	Yoon	June 8, 1993			
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	5,312,416	Spaeth, et al.	May 17, 1994			
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	5,346,497	Simon, et al.	September 13, 1994			
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	5,514,134	Rydell, et al.	May 7, 1996			
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	5,562,677	Hildwein, et al.	October 8, 1996			
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